

HIDTA RESULTS TALKING POINTS FOR POLICE COMMISSIONER AT HEARING SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 10, 2005

On Monday, March 7, 2005, members of HIDTA Group 52 arrested five more members of the "Black Magic" organization under indictment for supplying heroin and cocaine to Baltimore City and Baltimore County. During these arrests, task force members seized 1 kilo of cocaine, 300 grams of heroin, 132 grams of crack cocaine, and \$24,000 in cash.

This adds to the 8 kilos of heroin, 32 firearms, \$850,000 in cash, and \$300,000 in assets already seized during the investigation. This is the most recent example of the effectiveness of our HIDTA groups.

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All partners in HIDTA work under a formula of measured success and management for results. Ending the successful HIDTA formula that law enforcement has worked on for years will jeopardize the major cases, networking, leads and partnerships which are proven to work.

1. Group 51 Violent Trafficking Initiative

In short this initiative investigates violent drug/gun traffickers and organizations that impact the Baltimore Metro area.

- **2005 Expected Output** is to arrest 80 drug/firearm traffickers, seizing \$770,000 in criminally obtained assets, disrupt or dismantle 10 major drug trafficking groups and seizing 2 kilograms of heroin, 10 kilograms of crack/cocaine and 10 kilograms of marijuana.
- **Fiscal 2005 to present**, the group has arrested 21 persons, seized \$617, 834 in monies/assets, 1.5 kg of heroin, 11 Firearms, 1.6 kg of cocaine, 2.7 kg of marijuana and dismantled/disrupted 3 organizations.
- **2004 Actual Outputs** consist of 9 organizations being dismantled/disrupted, 62 arrests, seizing \$891,405 in monies, \$200,370 in assets, 36 firearms, 3.5 kg of heroin, 8.7 kg in cocaine, 1.0 kg in crack and 9.9 kg in marijuana. Baltimore City has 5 members dedicated to the initiative.

2. Group 54 Major Drug Trafficking Initiative

This initiative primarily focuses on major cocaine and heroin trafficking organizations.

- **2005 Expected Outputs** are to seize 50 Firearms, \$1,000,000 in drug assets, 3 Kilograms of Heroin, 10 Kilograms of Cocaine/Crack and 15 Kilograms of Marijuana to include dismantling 10 Drug Organizations.
- **Fiscal year 2005 to present outputs**, the group is well on their way in achieving the expected outputs; they have seized \$263,566 in monies and assets, 18 kg of cocaine, 27 arrests, 0.160 kg crack cocaine, 0.357 kg of heroin and disrupted/dismantled 2 organizations.
- **2004 Actual Outputs** consist of 14 organizations being dismantled/disrupted, 89 arrests, seizing \$1,025,575 in monies, \$471,920 in assets, 25 firearms, 3.9 kg of heroin, 28.8 kg of cocaine, and 2.3 kg of marijuana.

3. REDRUM The REDRUM group is part of Group 54. They work jointly with group 54; however their primary focus is to topple violent groups such as the “North Avenue Boys” working closely with the Homicide Unit and State/Federal Prosecuting Teams. Identify violent trends and patterns through database analysis and crime mapping and work jointly with Homicide and the State/Federal Prosecutors to bring the responsible parties to the table for a successful prosecution. Baltimore City has 12 members dedicated to the entire Group 54 initiative.

4. Group 56 Mass Transportation Initiative

Group 56 focuses their efforts on the mission to reduce drug trafficking in the Baltimore Metropolitan area, by interdiction efforts and immediate follow up investigations. Across the nation the new smuggling of choice has been identified as parcel and vehicle traps. In 2003 this initiative merged with the Delivery System Parcel Interdiction Initiative to effect coordination and operational effectiveness.

- **2005 Expected Outputs** is to arrest 70 drug/firearm violators, seize 400,000 in assets, 100 kg of marijuana, 10 kg of cocaine, 1 kg of heroin and 2 firearms.
- **Fiscal 2005 to present Outputs** the group has generated 20 arrests, seizing \$175,000 in assets, 3 firearms, 19.9 kg of marijuana, and 1kg of cocaine. They are also involved in two major case investigations.
- **2004 Actual Outputs** consist of 111 arrests, seizing \$1,205,851 in monies, \$591, 440 in assets, 15 firearms, 1 kg of heroin, 192 kg of cocaine, and 331 kg of marijuana. They also provided numerous leads to various other narcotic groups across the country targeting “source cities” such as Los Angeles, Phoenix, Philadelphia, Raleigh, Richmond, New

York and many others. Baltimore City has 5 members dedicated to the initiative.

5. DEA Heroin Task Force, Group 52

Baltimore City also has 5 members dedicated to a DEA group, which is comprised of DEA Agents and Baltimore City Police Detectives and 1 Sergeant. The group focuses their efforts targeting violent heroin dealers, whom are selling and smuggling in and to the Baltimore Metropolitan area. DEA does not project expected outputs.

- **Fiscal 2005 to present Outputs** the group arrested 3 persons, seizing 393,863 in monies/assets, disrupted one organization.
- **2004 Actual Outputs** consist of 124 arrests, seized \$344,986 in monies and assets, 4 kg of heroin, and 3 kg of cocaine.

6. Weapons Enforcement Initiative

The group investigates armed, violent drug trafficking organizations which impact the Baltimore Metropolitan area utilizing the ATF Disarm Program as its targeting mechanism.

- **2005 Expected Outputs** are to disrupt/dismantle 7 organizations, 125 arrests, seize \$80,000 in assets, 100 firearms, and have 75 Disarm Initiations.
- **Fiscal 2005 to present Outputs** has arrested 37 persons, seized \$337,290 in assets, 27 firearms, 224 grams of marijuana, 210 grams of cocaine guns and 53 Disarm Initiations.
- **2004 Actual Outputs** the group has disrupted/dismantled 10 organizations, arrested 117 persons, seized \$1,270,000 in monies, \$860,000. in assets, 185 Firearms and had 176 Disarm Initiations.

7. Customs Baltimore Seaport Initiative

This initiative focuses its operations on the cargo and container terminal at the Port of Baltimore. They work closely with the Drug Money Laundering Initiative.

- **2005 Expected Outputs Unknown**
- **Fiscal 2005 to Present** has arrested 9 persons, seizing 5.2 kg of cocaine, 2, 500 lbs of KHAT, \$5,730. in assets, 1 firearm and 28 grams of heroin.

- **2004 Actual Outputs** the group has made 30 arrest, seizing \$299,078 in monies, \$65,000 in assets, 7 Firearms, 2.1 kg of heroin, 186 kg of cocaine, and 65.3 kg of marijuana.

7. **Customs Money Laundering Initiative**

This initiative is designed to reduce drug trafficking in the Maryland area by focusing on organizations that participate in money laundering. This includes counterfeit monies, stolen credit cards, postal money orders and wire transfers.

- **2005 Expected Outputs Unknown**
- **Fiscal 2005 to present Outputs** the group has seized \$303,699 in assets.
- **2004 Actual Outputs** the group has made 78 arrests, seized \$7,712,894 in monies, \$582,000 in assets, 11 firearms, 3.5 kg in heroin and 582. kg in marijuana. Further they identified and targets 10 international organizations and dismantled 4 and disrupted 3.

8. **Customs Airport Group**

This initiative focuses its efforts on interdiction operations involving transportation of assets and contraband via the airways operations out of BWI.

- **Fiscal 2005 to present** the group has made 5 arrests, and seized 2.5 kg of cocaine, and 1.7 kg of heroin.

There are those that question the value of HIDTA. They simply haven't taken the time to look at these measurable, live-saving results. I urge you all to maintain an open mind and speak directly with your HIDTA directors and law enforcement professionals who dedicate their lives to just the kind of cases of which federal, state and local law enforcements should be focusing.

